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as we link to the future.*



January 31, 2011

Dear Mayor Jerry Sanders, Councilman Todd Gloria & Dr. Irwin Jacobs,

We join San Diego in applauding Dr. Jacobs' vision to return Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama to its former glory as a public pedestrian area — this will be a wonderful gift to San Diegans just in time for the 2015 Expo Centennial, but the Hillcrest History Guild would like to formally voice opposition to the current plans for the bypass from the Cabrillo Bridge into the lot south of Alcazar Gardens. These actions would change the grand entryway to the "Magic City" of San Diego's first exposition.

Construction of the proposed bypass bridge is not in keeping with the historic designation of Balboa Park as a National Register Historic District and pursuit of this bypass plan will result in protracted delays, excessive costs and the likelihood the proposal will be rejected by the City's Historical Resources Board, the State Office of Historic Preservation and the National Park Service. We ask the City of San Diego, San Diego Historical Resources Board, the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Balboa Park Committee and the 2015 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration Steering Committee to reject this bypass proposal.

We support SOHO suggestion to continue routing traffic around the southwest corner of the Plaza de Panama. In addition we oppose the parking garage which has been proposed for the heart of Balboa Park and instead support a location for an even larger structure for cars at Inspiration Point...with an effective people-mover funded by the parking fees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann".

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